

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 28, 2005

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 510**

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**Introduced by Senator Hollingsworth**

February 18, 2005

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An act relating to workers' compensation insurance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 510, as amended, Hollingsworth. Workers' compensation.—: *Motorcycles and specialty vehicles.*

*Existing law requires the Insurance Commissioner to designate a rating organization as his or her statistical agent for purposes related to workers' compensation insurance rating. The Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau has been so designated by the commissioner.*

*This bill would require the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau to study motorcycle and specialty vehicle dealerships with the purpose of developing a rating system that integrates these dealerships into the current workers' compensation classifications applicable to automotive dealerships. The bill would require the study to be presented to the Legislature and the Insurance Commissioner by June 30, 2006.*

~~Existing law regulates workers' compensation laws, and the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau provides an insurance rating system for employees.~~

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to require the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau to establish separate rates for employees in motorcycle, all-terrain vehicles, and off-road vehicle dealers.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the*  
2     *following:*

3     *(1) The Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau has*  
4     *not conducted a study of the motorcycle and specialty vehicle*  
5     *industry since 1975.*

6     *(2) The motorcycle and specialty vehicle industry has shown*  
7     *tremendous growth in the past 25 years.*

8     *(3) Motorcycles and specialty vehicles are often manufactured*  
9     *by automobile manufacturers, and automotive dealers have three*  
10    *separate workers' compensation classifications.*

11    *(4) The motorcycle and specialty vehicle industry has*  
12    *structured its dealerships in a manner similar to automotive*  
13    *dealerships in the past.*

14    *(5) Recreational vehicle dealerships and other similar*  
15    *dealerships have been assigned the same workers' compensation*  
16    *classifications as automotive dealerships.*

17    *(b) The Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau*  
18    *shall study motorcycle and specialty vehicle dealerships with the*  
19    *purpose of developing a rating system that integrates these*  
20    *dealerships into the current workers' compensation*  
21    *classifications applicable to automotive dealerships. The study*  
22    *shall be presented to the Legislature and to the Insurance*  
23    *Commissioner no later than June 30, 2006.*

24    *(c) For the purposes of subdivision (b), "motorcycle and*  
25    *specialty vehicle dealerships" means dealerships that sell or*  
26    *lease motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, or off-road vehicles.*

27    ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to require the~~  
28    ~~Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau to establish~~  
29    ~~separate insurance rates for employees in motorcycle, all-terrain~~  
30    ~~vehicles, and off-road vehicle dealers.~~